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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 7, 13 and 19.

1. (Twice Amended) A nutritional enteral composition intended for favoring the growth and maturation of non-mature gastro-intestinal tracts of young mammals comprising:

B1 a mixture of dietary protein hydrolysates having a degree of hydrolysis in a range of from about 10% to less than 50% by weight, the dietary protein hydrolysates (including) a mixture of different size peptides and free amino acids, the free amino acids being present in an amount of up to about 20% (each calculated as nitrogen x 6.25); and

intact proteins comprising bioactive peptides.

B2 7. (Twice Amended) A method of preparing a nutritional enteral composition intended for favoring the growth and maturation of non-mature gastro-intestinal tracts of young mammals comprising the step of using as a protein source a mixture of dietary protein hydrolysates having a degree of hydrolysis in a range of from about 10% to less than 50% by weight, the dietary protein hydrolysates (including) a mixture of different size peptides and free amino acids, the free amino acids being present in an amount of up to about 20% (each